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# The Bridges that Carried Us Over Project

## Interview Summary

**Interviewee:**

Henry Hooks

**Interviewer:**

Hailey McKenzie and Romaine Washington

**Interview Date:**

May 3, 2021

**Interview Location:**

San Bernardino, CA

**Length:**

00:43:12

**Media Format:**

Digital Video (mp4)

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**Description:**

Henry Hook describes his experiences in the Air Force, as well as his time as a photographer in the Inland Empire. He shares memories of westside San Bernardino in the 1940s, including early leaders like W.S. Johnson and the development of the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge #17. He tells stories about his photography work for Congressman George Brown, and local newspapers, and describes some of the people and institutions in some of his iconic photographs from the 1940s and 50s. He talks about his 70-year fellowship with New Hope Baptist Church, post 710, and the leadership of the NAACP, as well as the effects of the closure of Norton Airforce Base on the city of San Bernardino.

**Spatial Coverage:**

Name of Site (if relevant)	General Location/Address
Masonic Lodge in W.S. Johnson owned building	Eighth & Perris

**Temporal Coverage:**

1940 - 1990

**Key Events:**

Closing of Norton Air Force base

**Key Organizations:**

- NAACP
- Masonic Lodge (Prince Hall Lodge #17)
- American Legion Post 710

**Interview Index:**

Media Format	Time (hh:mm:ss)	Topic Discussed
Digital Video	00:01:00	W.S. Johnson and early community on the west side of San Bernardino
Digital Video	00:06:13	Tells story of Masonic Lodge, his participation in building a new lodge
Digital Video	00:15:14	Discusses 70-year membership in New Hope Baptist Church
Digital Video	00:18:02	Founding of Post 710
Digital Video	00:25:54	Slideshow of 10 photos taken by Henry Hooks is shown and explained

**Full interview transcript can be found below.**

## Interview Transcript

### Start of Interview

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**Hailey McKenzie:** Okay.

**Henry Hooks:** I have been in this community since 1943, came here with the Air Force and enjoyed my assignment here and got discharged in 46, and went to the Personnel that I was assigned to when I was in the service. And I signed on for the aerospace job. I went through that - the normal progression of a new employee. And since I was there before I was familiar with the operation, and been working at that personnel, it was easy for me to decide what kind of a position I would be assigned for. And it worked off real well I went through all the junior positions from assembly to a testing aircraft and this kind of thing and then became a crew chief like most young men do in progress. And after going through the various different units like hydraulics, electronic radio and this kind of thing I got assigned as a crew chief for a nice crew that needed a bunch of - a group of training. And I was able to go through that phase real good and after being a regular aircraft supervisor they thought that since I could bring shifts through the process in better shape than most other people they decided that maybe I should have been an inspector so instead of applying for it they just assigned me to that. And from that, I enjoyed being in there. Quality insurance field. Yeah, I rode that mule for 30 years. And if I had to do it again, I'd do it all over.

And after working for a very different position and after I retired, naturally I wanted something to do so I signed on with Congressman Brown. And I was his photographer there for 20 years until he passed.

And I met some very interesting people during that time, and one gentleman there, you probably noticed him in the exhibit, W.S Johnson; a very excellent gentleman. He raised three boys, got them all through college. One was a Dean at Howard, one was a medical doctor up in Northern California, and the third kid was the dentist here. In the process, he constructed a two-story building; it was kind of the center of our community, and there he rented the top for social activities, and the bottom he had areas there for people who want to into other businesses. So, he had a restaurant, a liquor store and this kind of thing, and he was kind of a leader of the community. And we all admired him and the things that he'd done.

And lucky when they built the Swing Auditorium at the Orange Show, Senator Sweeney had him as the keynote speaker there. They were good friends. And it's kind of a nice adjustment to work at the Santa Fe for those years and accomplish things like that and the whole community kind of admired him. But you've got to have some good questions to ask. Ask me something!

**Romaine Washington:** You gave us a lot of overview. I'll see - I said I was going to be quiet! Hailey you.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Go for it Romaine!

**Romaine Washington:** That building you talked about that Johnson built, where you said it was a rest - restaurant was on...

**Henry Hooks:** It was on the corner of Eighth and Perris, there was a hall upstairs that was rented to the Masonic Lodge. And when they got in a little financial trouble, he just bought the whole building, and he maintained that and when I arrived back in '43, that was one of the social centers in the area. You know you had the social activities there. And let's say on the ground floor they had of three different businesses going. And it was rather nice.

**Romaine Washington:** Where was that located?

**Henry Hooks:** Eighth and Perris.

**Romaine Washington:** Oh, okay. Okay, yeah.

**Henry Hooks:** Beautiful building, very good for the community. And after time goes on, they finally tore it down and built houses in there. But San Bernardino it was an excellent place at the time.

**Romaine Washington:** Yes.

**Henry Hooks:** People like me had businesses. And since I was a Southern boy from an area where we had everything of our own, I thought that San Bernardino belonged to me.

**Romaine Washington:** Now the Masonic Lodge that you talked about, and they went on ahead and built that - Do you have any stories about anything that happened there at the Lodge.

**Henry Hooks:** Yes, I have one story. I became a member of the Lodge, and we needed a new building, and we had a building that they had acquired from the city that had a - was an old fire station. It was hard to get up, it had stairs at the back and my wife would complain about going up the stairs, getting her dress caught on the stairs, so I promised her that I'd build her a new building, and I did. And that was on L and Eighth. And that lasted for quite a while and later on, and when I got to be a little bit older and couldn't participate, the young fellas said we should do a little better job. So, they sold it, you know, we don't have a building now, but it was nice for the time we were able to have one - have a little social activity.

The members could have affairs for the children you know somebody wants to have a birthday party or something like that? It was always there. It's still there, it's a really beautiful building! Every time I go by it I cry a little bit.

**Romaine Washington:** Ah, yeah. Um, Hailey did you want to ask anything?

**Hailey McKenzie:** We're gonna jump around a little bit, can I ask about where you moved when you first, where you lived when you first came to San Bernardino?

**Henry Hooks:** When I first came to San Bernardino, let's see, I was single, and I came to San Bernardino, out of Los Angeles really I was stationed at an Air Force station there in LA and I transferred to San Bernardino, and there's very few places to live at that time. San Bernardino was small. And it wasn't custom to a group of airmen's like we were. So, I got married to my, to the little girl and we, we got a place to rent over at Ninth and Perris, and lived there and until I was separated from the Air Force. And then my wife and I built a little house down the block.

And from there, I began to build interest in other stuff like that. So, I bought a couple other houses and San Bernardino, like I said, was my town. I loved it, still love it. If I could do it over I'd do a better job.

**Romaine Washington:** I just want to know... I know we're supposed to go, that we have all these questions.... but one of my questions is yours. I love that you love your town and how you guys developed it. What, when did the change start to happen because it's not the same all-American city that it used to be? And I know you knew some of the politicians during that time period of transition. Did you talk with them or take pictures or hear any interesting meetings that happened during our transition from all American city to...

**Henry Hooks:** Yes, I was able to be in contact with most of the politicians, because of when you're a photographer, in a city like San Bernardino. We had four newspapers, I was on staff with one of them, the Precinct Reporter. But the other newspapers are very good at having their stuff to cover just about everything that was going on good politicians or whatever.

And I was able to give them the, a visit that was required for them and you know that position of a photographer is just to entertain anyway. And the editors is who they put out the news, and I was able to keep most of the politicians on my list. And from the politicians

Then being connected with Congressman Brown gave me access to the fellows like the speaker of the house, and all this kind of stuff, the head of these departments. And then when they come to San Bernardino, I'd be surely asked to cover them. And when someone come like that, you usually cover the local politician also, and since they were my people I kind of pushed them a little bit harder. And something happened that that they would see that I was able to cover that. So, it made the transition, really easy.

And some of the changes that come along, was due to the activities that there was going on politically. And I wasn't allowed to participate in political activism until I got out of the federal service, but by that time, I kind of had my act together. And it was easy, because usually politicians like to be front and center. And if I'm covering them, I'm sure that I could get them in least three papers in a week. And that kind of aids you in getting a little extra activity. And like I said, San Bernardino was my town. Love it.

And we had nice people like Wilmer, Cheryl, and Hardy. And Brian Townsend that was involved in publishing information like that, really easy. I guess both of you ladies gonna, gonna be in that kind of field? You gonna write a book or just gonna get your PhD and relax?

**Romaine Washington:** Um, well I'm a poet and I grew up in San Bernardino I was real, real, real little. And I'm trying to piece together what I remember, what I call my black Mayberry Rd because it was just so beautiful and pleasant but because I was so young, I don't remember a lot so hearing you talk about it, is helping to spark memories from what my mother would tell me, and I write poetry about it and so part of it is to help me piece together, my visual of San Bernardino when I was growing up.

**Henry Hooks:** Very good. Ma'am, when you write your book make sure you get my name right.

**Romaine Washington:** I sure will! Hailey do you want to continue? Do you want to ask another question?

**Hailey McKenzie:** Oh yeah, just to kind of set us in place, can I ask when you moved to San Bernardino and when you became detached from the Air Force.

**Henry Hooks:** I moved to San Bernardino in the Air Force on the twenty third of December 1943. And my wife was expecting me to do the right thing so I did and we moved San Bernardino, and it's just one of those things that happen at the city. Yeah, small town I hadn't been used to a small town so I said well I can kind of fit in with the local citizens here. And it worked out real good.

**Romaine Washington:** So, I went to New Hope Missionary Baptist Church growing up, and were you a member of New Hope?

**Henry Hooks:** I've been a member of New Hope for 70 years.

**Romaine Washington:** Oh, my goodness.

**Henry Hooks:** Yes, and I have been contributing to the activity there for all those years, and I traveled quite extensively for the Air Force and NASA and this kind of thing. But I had a Sunday thing going on. The first Sunday I made it to New Hope. Even when I was out of town sometimes my wife and I would just fly in and do the Sunday thing and go back.

**Romaine Washington:** My goodness.

**Henry Hooks:** I know. Now I haven't been to New Hope in three years now because I'm getting a little old you know, I don't drive anymore. And as you know, since you were raised in New Hope. We have a very good church.

**Romaine Washington:** Yes.

**Henry Hooks:** All the pastors that you've heard about from Camel to Foster to Fairley. And we've been fortunate to have excellent leaders. And we had good memories like your mother and her family so that that kind of helps a bit. Do you still go to New Hope?

**Romaine Washington:** I visit. I go to Sister to Sister the missionary program that they have and Carolyn puts together the programs and Stephanie Liggins was over the missionary for quite a few years so I have friends and I visit now.

**Henry Hooks:** I'm awful glad you mentioned Carolyn, that's my goddaughter.

**Romaine Washington:** I know

**Henry Hooks:** And her two sisters are my favorite people.

**Romaine Washington:** Yes. So, wow. So, you are a regular regular on Sundays, all the time.

Anyway, any. Is there any particular event at New Hope that really, you remember because I know they have the picnics every year - is there anything in particular one, memory that stands out?

**Henry Hooks:** Oh, I just enjoyed being a member there all of those years. I really like the picnics they have, and I just, well it's my only church, and I love it. Yeah. And I like the leadership that we've been able to have all of those years.

**Romaine Washington:** And we have a new pastor, now listen to me I'm talking like I'm a member now I go to a different church I just visited New Hope but there's some new pastor there now. So, I want to ask you about what I don't know anything about, which is the Legion Post.

**Henry Hooks:** American Legion 710?

**Romaine Washington:** Yeah, yeah.

**Henry Hooks:** Very good point, I was one of the founders there, we had to sign a petition to get a legion here. And I became a member there. And I think we did a very good job, just that when you get to be a little bit aged. you can't attend these affairs. But I'm still a member there, and I will remain. And I was thinking of some of the incidents



we had there for 710. We used to give away a bicycles and things like that at Christmas. And we always was able to get good participation with things like that.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Can you tell us some of the names of the other founders.

**Henry Hooks:** No. Some of the other founders was - I can't even think of that you know my mind, kind of slipped for a little bit, but I can remember another fellow by the name of Ed Hooks, Willie Roberts. And I was a member there for a long time I just I knew everybody, but names, don't stick with me very much.

**Romaine Washington:** I'm the same way. I remember everything people tell me but I can't remember names very well.

**Henry Hooks:** As an employee, I'd always carry a little black book if I had to go in and see someone I would look his name up before I'd arrive. And they thought I had an excellent memory but I had the book.

**Romaine Washington:** There you go. There you go. Everybody has to have a method to remember. Yeah.

**Henry Hooks:** McKenzie... tell me, ask me something!

**Romaine Washington:** Um, let's see we asked you about the Masonic. Oh, the NAACP, were you, you were involved with them, weren't you? Or no?

**Henry Hooks:** Yes. Yeah, always will be. I think we've done an excellent job. And we've had some nice leaders there.

**Romaine Washington:** Were there any, because I know we've had times of political upheaval and San Bernardino wasn't untouched during the 1965, you know, upheaval in Los Angeles. it touched San Bernardino also, I know that what's his name Jesse Jackson came here a couple of times.

**Henry Hooks:** I covered him! Yeah, I covered him at the Redlands Bowl. I went. He and a couple of others stopped. So, did young Jesse. If you notice the exhibit you'll see an overshot of Jesse at the Bowl. I was, I was good enough for the security that I had the ability to join everything I wanted to.

**Mr. Combs:** Oh yeah, you shot Colin Powell.

**Henry Hooks:** You've seen that I had Colin Powell (inaudible) kind of thing. I enjoyed covering things like that. And I wasn't involved in any of the activity here because when you're working for the government you know, you're limited to what you can do, especially when you have a top-secret clearance and I travel quite a bit.

Matter of fact from, from 1960 to 1965 I was all over the country, as quality assurance of the missile system; you have to go where the missiles are, especially when you're supposedly one of the experts. And I finally got assigned back to the Norton area in '65, but that didn't last too long. I had to take assignment and defense contracts in Los Angeles and I stayed there until '75.

So then after I retired in '79 and I was free to roam, so that's when I became real active with the politicians. Loved it. I was in charge of the Republican Party here for our governor and President Reagan. Got him elected too.

**Romaine Washington:** Oh wow. Wow. So, you helped campaign for Reagan.

**Henry Hooks:** Oh yes, I was over the Republican unit here, and I delivered. I turned the votes in girl. I'm not afraid to brag. I'm good!

**Romaine Washington:** Oh, my goodness. Hailey, did you wanna?

**Hailey McKenzie:** Yeah, you've talked a lot about leadership being great in the church and the NAACP, and I think you both know about it, but I don't, being from somewhere else. So, can you tell me a little bit more about that about the leaders.

**Henry Hooks:** The leaders of the area here? Well, we had people like (inaudible) Brother Garrish, he's the leader of the NAACP. His wife Connie was the president there. And we had Willie Sargent police detective here over the NAACP.

And we had other excellent leaders, like again names that I don't forget, don't stick together, but we had a very active NAACP up here. That made some excellent contributions to the area. And I can say I haven't been active of anything for the last few years. And I like that too.

**Romaine Washington:** Being able to relax

**Henry Hooks:** Relax and not to be involved. If I want to be involved, I have to be involved totally, I don't just hang around and yak yak.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Can you tell me a little bit more about those contributions that you saw the NAACP make to the community?

**Henry Hooks:** No, I'm not good, other than being active enough to kind of keep the temperature down in the area, we didn't get involved like some of these other areas where we have to make the like the paper through bad news, anything like that. And the NAACP had it real nice.

**Romaine Washington:** Do you have those pictures, don't you Hailey? Some of those pictures?

**Hailey McKenzie:** I have about 10 pictures that I would love to show you to see if you can talk a little bit about them.

**Henry Hooks:** Can you name one?

**Hailey McKenzie:** I'm going to share my screen. All right. Can you see?

\*American Post Legion 710 photo shown\*

**Henry Hooks:** Oh yes that was a group of military guys that had just retired same as I did.

And this picture here is a picture of.

**Billy Combs:** Sorry, I'm just making the screen larger sorry.

**Henry Hooks:** Okay. At the parade, these guys here were always found the best performers in the parade. This guy here in the center's Talmidge Hughes, and I can't think of the guy's name that's beside him but he was another employee at Norton. He travelled more than anybody I know at electric facility or something like that. He was the guy that we would send. Got another picture?

**Hailey McKenzie:** Yes, I do.

\*Photo of Board of Deacons New Hope Missionary Baptist 1947 shown\*

**Henry Hooks:** That is a picture of - This is my Deacon board at New Hope. Across the, across the front there. The Brother Daniel, Marshall, Lamore. And I can't remember his here. And on the left is Brother Miller, and then center there is the Brother John Lee and on the back top there, I can't remember his name but I had Brother Jordan on the end, I can't remember his last name again. But anyway, you got another shot?

**Hailey McKenzie:** So, here is the next one.

**Henry Hooks:** That's W.S. Johnson! That's the guy I told you about that graduated the one that had the boys, three doctors.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Yeah.

**Henry Hooks:** Yeah one is a doctor, one's a Dean at Howell and the other, Howard, he was the one that escorted Eleanor Roosevelt when she visited Howard there. A very a nice fella, I really enjoyed his advice. He was a very good leader. Give me another one of those beautiful shots of mine.

This is a group of businessmen, and on the one on the extreme left there. Oh boy, he was one of the guys that became a captain in the army. I can't think of the other guy and this next guy had a club out in Fontana, the next guy was his assistant. And another

friend of mine and then the other guy's named Johnson. And I can't remember the other guy, but he was a friend of the guy who owned the club in Fontana. Very nice group of businessmen. They were all successful too. Give me another shot.

Oh yes, look at my Sisters of New Hope. That's good, that's good. I only know- can remember the name of the one on the extreme left there: Roberta Lee.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Can you tell us what this group did in the community.

**Henry Hooks:** This group here was a group of ladies that was active in New Hope Church, these people were involved in just about everything that went on they would be involved in Cotillion, and I was trying to find one particular lady here that probably has a shot of they carried their kids to Los Angeles on the railroad, as an outing for that summer. They were very very active. Another shot that's like this one?

Beauticians. On the extreme right is (inaudible) and Jamie Roberts and I can't think of the other names. Then there was a Ms. Blakely I think was the other ladies name. Got some good shots! Take care of these now.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Can I ask, in the background of this picture, there's a post 14 sign. Do you know anything about that organization or its relationship to the American Legion 710?

**Henry Hooks:** No This happened to be the Post 14 that was on the corner of Fifth and E Street. And we would have some kind of social thing there annually. And this was a group of people that sponsored that affair at that time.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Okay.

**Romaine Washington:** Did you ever take pictures of the Swans or the Debutants or the Beautillions?

**Henry Hooks:** Yes, well I did that.

**Romaine Washington:** Yeah, the Swans were a group of ladies that trained, the young ladies how to behave.

**Henry Hooks:** We would work them up until we have the affair and we'd have them all make speeches in this kind of thing and boy they were good.

**Romaine Washington:** My mom was a member of the Swans club one of the first group of the Swans clubs Betty Harden. And I remember sitting and watching her training the debutants, watching them train them when I was younger. Yeah,

**Henry Hooks:** Do you have my picture of that?

**Hailey McKenzie:** I think we have it just not on this slide show, but it's in the archive. I have about four more pictures for you.

**Henry Hooks:** Alright. Look on em back then, and honor my name. This is another one of the affair. Mrs. Louis Carter in the center. And the lady on the extreme right she's the wife of the guy, the beautician, the wife of the guy who had the club in Fontana. And you're all - all of these ladies here, every one of them, they were very good. They had some excellent affairs. You know those days we had our own group that kept us entertained. We all had something to do on the weekend. And these people were good at arranging things like that.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Can you tell me you kind of what this club did in the community.

**Henry Hooks:** This club here would arrange for the formals on a yearly basis. And, you know, we'd all get dressed up like you see them here. And we would put on our nice tuxedos and have a really good evening. These people were good at arranging things like that.

**Romaine Washington:** Yeah.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Very nice.

**Henry Hooks:** Baseball. I was trying to think of - all these kids here were excellent. And I can't remember these guys names, but they were very, very good. We had this corner of seventh and Mount Vernon, there was this a park there now but that's used to be the place where we would have a baseball game. And we blocked the streets. I think that's the group there.

**Romaine Washington:** What year? What years was that, when did that take place.

**Henry Hooks:** I don't remember that. I covered it.

**Billy Combs:** Do you guys know the name of the team? I'm just curious I can't see you can't read it.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Crawlettes baseball team

**Henry Hooks:** You've got some nice shots. Glad they're mine.

**Hailey McKenzie:** We have two more on here for you.

**Henry Hooks:** Oh yeah, this is the Masonic Lodge. Prince Hall lodge number 17. And the top right David Dixon. And the guy in the center I think his name is Robertson. And I was trying to see somebody else. Right on the corner of the flag on the right that's one of the guys that I think he's the master now. I can't think of his name, but he wrote a nice book on photography also very very good fella.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Could you tell us a bit about what this group did for the community.

**Henry Hooks:** This community had kind of selected some of the better people of the community. You know the Masonic Lodge was a semi religious organization anyway, and all these guys were usually active in the community, like the guy on the right he's still a businessman now in San Bernardino. He has a maintenance business. And then guy seated on the right Nelson, he's retired from the Air Force. And I'm trying to think of some of the others. I know them all, but I forget who they were. But they were very very good in the community and put the organization over my picture. I was one of those up there on top row. You got one more?

**Hailey McKenzie:** One more.

**Henry Hooks:** Yes, this is another one of the local groups. I'm trying to think - 100 men, this is a picture of the 100 men organization in San Bernardino. They were just select their school and they would put on a program, a sponsor program at the local schools around San Bernardino, and they were very very good at supplying things like computers and stuff like that for school.

**Hailey McKenzie:** Right. That's great.

**Henry Hooks:** I sure want to thank you for selecting a group of press like this this is good.

**Hailey McKenzie:** That was the last one. Stopping the screen share. There we go.

**Henry Hooks:** Ms. Washington?

**Romaine Washington:** Yes!

**Henry Hooks:** That's your family name?

**Romaine Washington:** The original, oh I've changed my name quite a bit.

**Henry Hooks:** You gotta cut that out!

**Romaine Washington:** My mom's name was Betty Harden and I was Marcia Harden. And then I didn't like Marcia Harden and my middle name was Romaine so I dropped Marcia. And then I got married and so it's Romain Washington now.

**Henry Hooks:** Congratulations.

**Romaine Washington:** Well, not married anymore though. But I kept the name, I kept the name.

**Henry Hooks:** I can tell my newspaper editor that there's a girl out there. Ms. McKenzie tell me something about yourself!

**Hailey McKenzie:** I am a rising senior at the University of Redlands, and I'm trying to graduate in December, a semester early. So, I'm pushing really hard for that. I'm studying race and ethnic studies and sociology and anthropology. So, just trying to get through school. I'm from San Diego. So that's where I am now.

**Henry Hooks:** All right, all right, all right. Well I'll be looking for something from both of you so keep up the good work.

**Romaine Washington:** Thank you for your time, this is wonderful. I don't know if Hailey has - do you have any more questions?

**Hailey McKenzie:** I have one more about the Air Force Base, can I ask you to describe what the base was like when you work there.

**Henry Hooks:** Back when I arrived at Norton, we had just moved from the Orange Show. They had just built the barracks out there. And it was one of the prime areas to work in the area. There was Norton Air Force Base, Kaiser Steel Mill, and there's Santa Fe. San Bernardino strived real good until the Santa Fe moved out to Barstow and Norton closed that Air Force base, and we still have Kaiser (some other name now). So, we went through the era of expansion now the main one that was one of the nice bases we had to work at. When we went through the area of expansion here where we built all these nice houses and all these nice soldiers was able to acquire a house. And then they decentralized you know and San Bernardino kinda declined. But after we've gone through this little hard time we have, we on the way back now. And I want both of you ladies to look to San Bernardino as a place to make a home, come on and build us up again! Dean as the place to make a home.

**Romaine Washington:** We're working on it, we're working on it.

**Henry Hooks:** You don't like San Diego anyway!

**Romaine Washington:** Oh, so - Oh the officers club. Do you remember anything about the officer's club on Norton Air Force Base?

**Henry Hooks:** No, no. I never had any reason to participate there. And I just remember that it was one of the excellent places that most of the people that was eligible to participate in made it out there. But I was a non-commissioned officer. So, I was not eligible to participate with the big boys.

**Hailey McKenzie:** I have one last question, um, how do you - Did you see the closing of the Norton Air Force Base affect the city at all.

**Henry Hooks:** It destroyed San Bernardino. We have what we have left out there now which is a base that they're trying to make it a Transportation Center. We have only one thing going on out there now that's real good. We have a supply the stuff for fighting the fires, that's why we have a lot of activity out there. But haven't been active for three years I really don't know what's going on other than that. But I sure appreciate you guys taking a little time to talk to me, because I'm not up to now, but I like to talk.

**Billy Combs:** And you guys - can you tell?

**Romaine Washington:** We thank you so much for your time and your personality and your stories and we just enjoyed listening to you.

**Hailey McKenzie:** It was very lovely to meet you.

**Billy Combs:** One question, when will we be able to see your work or anything of that nature?

**End of Interview**

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